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For : PRECISION APERTURES FOR LITHOGRAPHIC SYSTEMS

Response to 6/7/04 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The subject notice asserts that in a 5/20/04 amendment claims 1 - 14 do not have a status identifier and that the identifier (amended) is deemed improper. Clais 1 -14 are not being amended and remain as they were when filed.

The attached 5 page response is advanced.

Respectfully submitted,

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